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REMARKS

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1. Between 24 April and 19 May 1954, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne (2237), Potsdam, was occupied by about 800 to 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulettes with tank and motor transport insignia. On 15 May, about 40 troops received instruction on 2 T-34/85 tanks in the barracks area and about 60 troops entered the installation from the direction of Bornstedter Feld. On 8 May, about 10 canvas-covered armored vehicles and about 25 trucks, which were maintained by about 30 troops, were observed in the barracks area. On 9 May, the armored vehicles and the majority of the trucks had left, presumably for an exercise. 25X1
2. Between early April and 7 May, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulettes with artillery and tank insignia. On 28 April, about 20 to 25 armored personnel carriers and about 10 trucks mounting 44 machine guns were, as previously, observed in the barracks yard. About 200 troops received individual training and formation drill and 8 trucks, and towing 1 x 76.2-mm field gun, entered the installation. 25X1
3. On 21 April, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulettes with tank and motor transport insignia. Between 17 and 21 April, about 12 canvas-covered armored vehicles and about 20 trucks were parked in the barracks area. T-34/85 tanks and, on 21 April, about 120 troops at drill, were seen in the barracks yard. 25X1
4. On 18 May, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulettes with tank insignia. On 5 May, 7 armored personnel carriers and about 15 trucks were seen in the barracks yard. About 25 troops received instruction on 3 x 76.2-mm field guns at the athletic field. 25X1
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5. Between 24 April and 19 May, the Kriegsschule (2283) was occupied as previously by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulettes with artillery and motor transport insignia. Between 3 and 19 May, about 35 x 120-mm mortars and about 45 trucks were seen in the barracks area. On 15 May, about 30 troops engaged in maintenance work on motor vehicles and weapons. About 30 to 100 troops were repeatedly seen firing with carbines at the Katharinenholz firing range and about

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70 to 100 troops repeatedly received field training at Bornstedter Feld. On 18 May, about 120 troops practiced mounting and dismounting on parked trucks and coupling and uncoupling of mortars. Three sheds were erected at the constructing site east of the installation during the period under review.

6. Between 22 April and 4 May, the Kriegsschule was occupied as previously by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. On 28 April, 40 to 50 trucks towing 120-mm mortars were observed in the barracks yard. Troops received instruction on mortars on several days of observation.

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7. On 21 April, the Kriegsschule was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. On 17 April, about 35 x 120-mm mortars and about 45 trucks were seen in the barracks area.

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8. Between 27 April and 6 May, the Kriegsschule was occupied by about 500 to 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, motor transport and artillery insignia. Between 3 and 6 May, about 25 trucks towing 120-mm mortars and an undetermined number of other trucks were seen in the barracks yard.

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9. On 18 May, the Kriegsschule was occupied. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia. On 18 May, mortars were parked along the fence. Three open sheds, about 60 meters long and 12 meters wide, were under construction east of the installation. A 37-mm AA gun was seen in front of a shed.

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10. On 19 May, the Kavallerie Schule in Kramnitz (2161) was occupied by about 6,000 to 7,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. Between early April and 19 May, about 200 troops were repeatedly seen at leveling work in the Bullenwinkel area and as maintenance work on the field fortifications and obstacles. On 13 May, 7 T-34/85 tanks, engaged in driving practice and 12 other tanks were in an open shed just north of the installation. On the same day, troops observed in the barracks area included about 60 troops receiving chemical defense training, about 120 troops receiving basic training, about 40 troops aiming with 3 heavy machine guns and about 60 troops at athletic training. On 19 May, at least 2,000 unarmed troops were lined up in the west section of the barracks installation, with military band playing.

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11. Between 12 April and 9 May, the Kavallerie Schule in Kramnitz was occupied to capacity by about 10,000 to 12,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. Between 27 April and 9 May, little training was observed in the barracks yard and the adjoining training area. Record-firing with carbines, submachine guns and machine guns was daily held at the firing range. On 27 April, 3 T-34/85 tanks were seen in the area north of the installation and, on 28 April, a column of about 30 driving school trucks was seen in

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Fahrland. On 3 May, 1 T-34/35 tank and 4 trucks totaling 17-mm AA guns entered the installation. On 4 May, T-34/35 tanks [redacted] were seen in the training area.

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12. Between 9 and 23 April, the Kavallerie Schule Krammich was occupied by, about 2,500 to 3,500 troops. 18-2 tank [redacted] T-34 tanks [redacted]

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SU-122 gun [redacted]

2 armor & personnel carriers and trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] were observed in the barracks area during the period under review;

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On 13 April, source determined that 6 AA guns were again emplaced on Reiterdamm. At about 8:45 a.m., 200 to 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epauletts and armed with rifles and light and heavy machine guns, left for advanced combat practice; the troops returned at about 2 p.m. On 15 April, a commission of 11 officers inspected the 5 buildings which were being reconstructed. Work on the houses was scheduled to be completed by 1 May. On 20 April, 25 to 30 troops drilled and the same number of troops received instruction on 4 T-34 tanks. On 23 April, about 80 to 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epauletts with tank insignia, armed with rifles and equipped with gas masks and field packs, were lined up in front of a quartering building. As this building quartered the tank training battalion, source concluded that the troops had completed training and were to be detached to other units.

Comment. Contrary to observations in preceding years, the units of the 10th Gds Tank Div stayed at their quarters until mid-day, and continued training at the post. The information does not indicate any changes in the distribution of the units at the post. The units of the 63d Gds Tank Regt, which were absent from Adolf Hitler Kaserne during the second week of May, probably engaged in short-term firing practices.

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